

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 8, 2015 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Katherine Mann, RN, CRNA
Tina Fletcher, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

James Cleghorn, Executive Director
Amelia Baker, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Patricia McAfee, RN, MSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline

Mann called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mann moved, Fletcher seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, for the purpose of discussing investigative cases and to conduct investigative interviews. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, January 8, 2015, Mann declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mann moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI150106 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotics restrictions, quarterly reports (employer, aftercare, and personal) and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

LPNI150129 – Mitigating letter requesting courses in Critical Thinking and Care of Ileostomies.

RNI152568 – License with a Letter of Concern: (Alcohol.)

RNI110810 – Mitigating letter requesting courses in Critical Thinking, Anticoagulation Therapies and Complications, Negligence and Malpractice.

RNI140625 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern: (Drugs).

RNI140270 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include three (3) years probation, quarterly reports (employer, personal and psychotherapy), quarterly random drugs screens and a fine of \$500 for diversion. The applicant must provide a letter from a therapist before lifting of limitation.

RNI140619 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public reprimand requiring courses in Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics, Medication Administration, Documentation and a fine of \$500 for diversion.

RNI150077 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotics restriction, quarterly reports ((employer, aftercare, personal, psychotherapy) and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI140622 – Close the case with no action.

RN150502 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public reprimand to mirror the Texas Board of Nursing order.

RN150581 – License with a Letter of Concern.

RN150583 – Schedule for an Investigative Interview.

RN140206 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotics restriction, quarterly reports (employer, aftercare, and personal) and a \$500 fine for diversion.

LPN140121 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, treating physician regarding prescribed medications) and a \$500 fine for diversion. Quarterly drug screens will be through the treating physician.

LPN130028 – Deny the reinstatement based on substance abuse. May reapply after twenty-four (24) months of documented sobriety, psychotherapy, and an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within thirty (30) days of application. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RN140635 – Table. Present at January 2015 meeting.

RN080232 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern: (Drugs.)

RN150236 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RN140123 – Close with a Letter of Concern: (Drugs.)

RN140057 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension/voluntary surrender.

RN140150 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension/voluntary surrender.

RN150456 – Close the case. Hold application for LPN applicant (#2325597). Applicant must present documents regarding current status of indictment. Do not license without Board review.

RN150052 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

RN130250 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include one (1) year probation and quarterly reports (personal, employer and psychotherapy).

RN150291 – Mitigating letter requesting courses in Documentation, Jurisprudence and Ethics, and Medication Administration.

RN140008 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public reprimand to include four (4) years probation, two (2) years narcotics restriction, quarterly reports (personal, employer, medication management) and a course in Ethics. May petition to lift after four (4) years or at such time as licensees' pain management no longer requires controlled substances. Must present a letter from medication manager.

RN40632 – Close the case.

RN150178 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern: (Nursing Judgment and Ethics and Following Hospital Policy.)

RN150081 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPN150019 – Deny the reinstatement. Applicant may reapply after 12 (twelve) months of documented sobriety beginning January 2015.

LPN150206 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order for Failure to Disclose and a fine of \$250.

RN140565 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include three (3) years probation and quarterly reports (personal, employer, psychotherapy) .

RNI150391 – Reinstate with a Letter of Concern.

RNI150556 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPN130170 – Table. Present at January 2015 meeting.

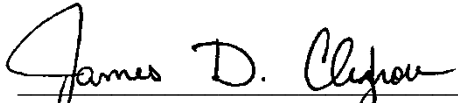
RNI150193 – Table. Present at January 2015 meeting.

LPN061683 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPN0737570 – Close the case.

Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**

Approved on